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Letter dated 18 November 1993 from the Permanent Representatives of Cambodia and the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit to you herewith a joint Lao-Cambodian communiqué dated 7 November 1993, signed at Phnom Penh by His Excellency Khamtay Siphandone, Prime Minister of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and His Royal Highness Sdech Krom Luong Norodom Ranariddh, First President of the Council of Ministers, and His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen, Second President of the Council of Ministers of the Royal Government of Cambodia (see annex). We would be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter and its annex to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 79 and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Joint Lao-Cambodian Communiqué dated 7 November 1993, signed at Phnom Penh by the Prime Minister of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the First and Second Presidents of the Council of Ministers of the Government of Cambodia

1. At the invitation of His Royal Highness Sdech Krom Luong Norodom Ranariddh, First President of the Council of Ministers, and of His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen, Second President of the Council of Ministers, His Excellency Mr. Khamtay Siphandone, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, paid an official friendship visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia from 4 to 7 November 1993.

2. During his stay in Cambodia, His Excellency Mr. Khamtay Siphandone met with His Excellency Mr. Chea Sim, President of the National Assembly and Head of State ad interim. At this meeting, His Excellency Mr. Khamtay Siphandone was briefed on the work of the Constituent Assembly which had led to the adoption of the new Constitution and of the work of the new National Assembly, whose first session had begun on 25 October 1993. His Excellency Mr. Khamtay Siphandone expressed his warmest congratulations to His Excellency Mr. Chea Sim on the latter's election to the office of President of the National Assembly of Cambodia and wished him every success in fulfilling his noble mission.

At the meeting, His Excellency Mr. Khamtay Siphandone transmitted, through His Excellency Mr. Chea Sim, a letter from His Excellency Mr. Nouhak Phoumsavanh, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, inviting His Majesty Norodom Sihanouk Varman, King of Cambodia, and Queen Norodom Monineath Sihanouk to pay an official friendship visit to the Lao People's Democratic Republic at their convenience. His Excellency Mr. Khamtay Siphandone also presented His Majesty Norodom Sihanouk Varman with a gift on the occasion of his seventy-first birthday and conveyed to His Majesty the King best wishes for health and long life.

3. His Excellency Mr. Khamtay Siphandone and his delegation also placed a wreath at the Independence Monument and visited several sites of cultural and economic interest in Phnom Penh and Sihanouk City.

Everywhere His Excellency Mr. Khamtay Siphandone and his delegation went they received a warm welcome from the Cambodian authorities and people.

4. An official meeting between the delegation of the Royal Government of Cambodia, led by His Royal Highness Sdech Krom Luong Norodom Ranariddh and His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen, and the delegation of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, led by His Excellency Mr. Khamtay Siphandone, took place at the residence of the President of the Council of Ministers in an atmosphere of friendship, sincerity and mutual understanding.

5. At the meeting, the parties informed each other of recent developments in the situation of their respective countries and exchanged views on the prospects

for strengthening the ties of friendship and cooperation between the two countries and on regional and international problems of concern to them.

6. The Cambodian party provided a warm reception for His Excellency Mr. Khamtay Siphandone and his delegation, whose official visit was of great historical significance and a contribution to the promotion and further strengthening of the relations of good-neighbourliness already existing between Cambodia and Laos. On behalf of the Royal Government and People of Cambodia, His Royal Highness Sdech Krom Luong Norodom Ranariddh and His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen reiterated their deep gratitude to the fraternal Lao people and to the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic for their firm and active support of the Cambodian people and the role they had played in the peace process in Cambodia.

7. The Cambodian party welcomed the significant achievements of the Lao Government and people, which it had had an opportunity to observe during its recent visit to the Lao Peoples Democratic Republic, brought about by the policy of reform begun under the clear-sighted guidance of the Parti Populaire Révolutionnaire Lao (Lao People's Revolutionary Party).

8. His Excellency Mr. Khamtay Siphandone and his delegation expressed appreciation for the positive outcome of the process of peace and national reconciliation in Cambodia, culminating in the adoption and promulgation of a new Constitution, the restoration of the constitutional monarchy and the return of His Majesty Norodom Sihanouk Varman as King of Cambodia. On behalf of the Lao Government and people, they also expressed their warmest congratulations to the recently formed Royal Government of Cambodia, headed by His Royal Highness Sdech Krom Luong Norodom Ranariddh and His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen, who had spared no efforts to restore peace, achieve national reconciliation and build an independent, peaceful, neutral, non-aligned and prosperous Cambodia.

9. The two parties paid a tribute to His Majesty Norodom Sihanouk Varman for the noble and historic role he had played in attaining the unity, peace, political stability, national reconciliation, rehabilitation and reconstruction of Cambodia.

10. The parties expressed satisfaction with the current situation of the traditional ties of friendship and good-neighbourliness between the two countries and reaffirmed their determination constantly to develop and strengthen those ties on the basis of the principles of mutual respect for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of each country, non-interference in the internal affairs of each country, the non-use of force or threats of force, the peaceful settlement of all problems in the relations between the two countries, cooperation, equality and mutual advantage.

11. In that spirit, the two parties stressed the need for and importance of still closer cooperation between the two countries. An agreement on economic, scientific, technical and cultural cooperation was therefore signed by the two Governments.

12. The parties noted that, despite disputes and armed conflicts persisting in certain parts of the world, the situation in South-East Asia was developing positively towards peace, stability and cooperation. They reaffirmed their firm

intention of cooperating more closely with the countries of the region with a view to making that part of the world an area of peace, friendship and cooperation. They also stated that the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Kingdom of Cambodia should cooperate more closely for the protection of the environment as part of the work of the International Mekong Committee, in the common interest of the peoples of all the States bordering that river.

13. The parties expressed their pleasure at the success of the visit of His Excellency Mr. Khamtay Siphandone to Cambodia, which represented an outstanding event in the history of the good relations between the two countries.

14. His Excellency Mr. Khamtay Siphandone sincerely and warmly thanked the Royal Government and people of Cambodia for their friendly sentiments and the warm reception they had given to the delegation of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Done at Phnom Penh, on 7 November 1993

For the Government of the
Lao People's Democratic Republic

Khamtay SIPHANDONE
Prime Minister

For the Royal Government of
Cambodia

Norodom Ranariddh
First President
of the Council of
Ministers

Hun Sen
Second President
of the Council of
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